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Jessica Walker recently joined the US Geological Survey's Western Geographic Science Center in Tucson, AZ, as a Mendenhall Postdoctoral Fellow. She earned a bachelor's degree in Mathematics from Williams College, a Master's degree in Geography from the University of Arizona, and a Ph.D. in Geospatial and Environmental Analysis from Virginia Tech, where her dissertation work focused on the analysis of dryland vegetation phenology using fused remote sensing datasets. Her Mendenhall research will expand on this work by using remote sensing time series and ground-based data to examine the phenology of western US dryland forests before and after fire events to identify patterns that may predict eventual ecosystem outcomes.